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LOK SABHA

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WORLD BANK FUNDS FOR DRINKING WATER
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank has sanctioned any funds for drinking water schemes in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the States where these schemes are likely to be implemented alongwith State-wise allocation of funds for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL)

(a) to (c): Drinking water supply being a State subject, schemes / projects with external assistance for providing water supply and environmental sanitation to rural areas are implemented by the States. The States willing to implement such projects with external assistance are required to make adequate plan provision in the State budget. The States, after incurring expenditure under the project, claim reimbursement from Controller of Aid Accounts and Audit, Department of Economic Affairs, 5th Floor, B Wing, Janpath Bhawan, New Delhi. As such, no funds are allocated / released to the States by the Government of India for implementing rural water supply and sanitation projects with external assistance. Details of Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Projects funded by the World Bank being implemented in the States are given below:

(i) The UP Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project costing US$ 71.0 million, with World Bank assistance of US$ 52.4 million (revised) is under implementation in Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal.The project implementation started in August 1996 and is scheduled to be completed by end of May 2003.

(ii) A World Bank assisted `Kerala Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project` is under implementation in Kerala, commencing from Jan 2001, with approved project cost of US$ 89.8 million and the IDA loan amount to the project is to the tune of US$ 65.5 million (approx. 73%). The project is expected to be completed by the year 2007.

(iii) A World Bank assisted `Second Karnataka Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project` has been launched on 11th Feb 2002 in Karnataka State for implementation.The project is likely to cost US$ 193.44 million and the IDA loan amount to the project is to the tune of US$ 151.6 million (approx. 78%). The project is expected to be completed by the year 2007.

Further, as per the information furnished by Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation, a project titled `II Chennai Water Supply Project` at an estimated cost of Rs.778.90 crores is being implemented with World Bank assistance of US$ 80.5 million since November 1995. The credit closing date of this project is 30.6.2002.